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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

Sir:

Responsive to the non-final Office Action mailed August 09, 2002, Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendments and consideration of the remarks set forth herein. The response was initially due November 09, 2002. Applicants herein submit a petition for a two month extension of time to January 09, 2003, under 37 C.F.R. §1.136, with the appropriate fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17. Accordingly, this Response is timely filed.

The following documents are also enclosed herewith:

- Postcard
- Information Disclosure Statement and PTO Form 1449 and reference
- Petition for extension of time, check
- "Version with Markings to Show Changes Made"

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